

Weak Start Handicaps Becker in Amateur Game---First M. P. Threatens to Quit

BECKER GETS POOR START IN FIRST GAME

Opposes Bell in Contest That Early Develops Into Battle Between Pitchers.

NINTH WINS BY 4 TO 3

Manager Butz Threatens to Withdraw Team if Umpire Jaeschke Is Not Removed.

Among the Amateurs

GAMES TODAY.

Cap. City--Yav. vs. Bank.
Central--Twin. vs. Sher.
Depart--Irl. vs. P. O.
Federal--Stan. vs. Pension.
W. S. S.--Ref. vs. Brethren.
R. R. Y. M. C. A.--Car vs. Southern.
Potomac--Oxon vs. Cong.
Treasury--Inter. vs. Civil.
Marquette--Trin. vs. St. Jos.
Northwest--4th vs. St. Paul.

GAMES YESTERDAY.

Central--G. P. O., 12; Y. M. H. A., 2.
Depart--War, 5; C. & L., 4.
Federal--Fair, 1; Pet., 1.
W. S. S.--4th, 1; 1st M. P., 3.
Treasury--Fed., 9; C. or Cy., 3.
Marquette--War, 6; Med., 2.
South Eastern--Mohawks, 18; Aron-
dale, 11.
Northwest--Whit., 16; Calvary, 1.

Despite the fact that he was defeated by 3 to 1 in his first game on the sand lots in two seasons, Buck Becker, tried out by Griffith, farmed to Atlanta, and returned to Washington, showed that he has lost none of the cunning that marked his performance in amateur circles here when he was first noticed by Manager Griffith. Ninth is the team that won from Becker, who pitched for First M. P.

Something like 3,000 followers of the "small-town" game were present to see the Prize-of-the-Navy-Yard in his 1913 amateur debut, and none went away feeling that the one hour and forty-five minutes had been wasted.

Early in the contest the battle began to center around the pitchers, and had not Becker gotten away to a poor start, the game would have been even more interesting. The big fellow was wobbly in the first two frames, during which he let three tallies cross the plate. After this period, however, he was infallible. Bell's questionable home run using the outside weak spot in the remainder of the game.

Was in the fifth round that Pitcher Bell connected with the ball, sending it into deep left, where a juvenile spectator, thinking that he had been hit, picked it up, there by interfering with its return into play. Meanwhile, Becker was running around the path, and finally drew up at home plate. No ground rules covering such a technicality having been agreed upon by the managers, umpire Jaeschke had no reason for disallowing the home run.

In the sixth, first M. P. threatened to tie the score. Bell had been allowing the bases to be filled, but when one of the necessary runners failed to score, he had been made, Bell tightened up, and no more scores were made off him.

Speakers and followers of both teams were almost unanimous in the belief that First M. P. put up a much higher class of play than Becker. The latter team was outwitted, and only by rushing in at every faltering movement of the first M. P., did Ninth get away with the game.

Ninth Street has strengthened its hold on first place in the East Washington Sunday School League by several points. Had First M. P. taken yesterday's game, Ninth would still have been on top by a margin of sixteen points.

It is not improbable, that the carrier that now stands between those two teams will not be broken down should Becker be able to keep his out-time form in the box.

Talk is rife today of Manager Butz, of the First M. P. team, demanding the resignation of Umpire Jaeschke as an alternative to his withdrawing from the East Washington League. Butz is said to charge Jaeschke with partiality and incompetency and declares that if the umpire is not removed from the East Washington circuit, he will quit that league together with his team.

Exactly how seriously this threat will be taken by the board of arbitration is a matter of much discussion. It seems certain, however, President Young and his associates are not going to throw out an umpire on the sole complaining of Butz or any other one team manager. Such a procedure would tend to disrupt the whole amateur organization, and soon the managers would begin to think they were running amateur baseball. Indeed, to grant the request of Manager Butz would be a disastrous move for amateur baseball.

With the exception of the play in question the umpiring of Mr. Jaeschke was beyond reproach, yesterday. In other games, his decisions have met only with ordinary protest, and there is not an umpire in the world who is able to please both teams in his decisions.

Lord's fielding and hitting featured Federal's 9 to 3 victory over Comptroller of Currency in the Treasury League.

Brown, in the box for War, allowed but four hits, and struck out eleven men when he defeated Naval Medicine by 4 to 2.

Murdoch pitched almost airtight ball when he defeated Y. M. H. A. for G. P. O. by 10 to 3. He was hit but five times, while G. P. O. made fifteen hits, thus the big score.

Fairmont's 2 to 1 win from Petworth was a pitchers' battle between Belts and Thompson. Each allowed three safeties.

Whitney Avenue had no trouble taking the game by 15 to 1 from Calvary in the Northwest League. Fourteen bingles were made off Tony.

Heavy hitting featured Mohawks' 13 to 11 victory over Avonlea. Durrty, Taylor, Raba, and Scofield led with the stick.

In a ten-inning struggle, War won out by 5 to 4. Commerce and Labor being the defeated team. Rowley, single to right in the tenth decided the game.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL IS A BEAR ON DETAIL

By Goldberg



KEEN COMPETITION AT EPIPHANY GAMES

Boys and Girls Are Seen in Athletic Program on Marshall Hall Field.

Keen competition developed yesterday afternoon on the Marshall Hall athletic field at the instance of the Epiphany Sunday school track and field games. Events were scheduled for boys and girls, both classes finding keen enjoyment in the races.

The boys' events for limited class, eighty pounds and under, were probably the fastest and most interesting of the games. The greatest number of points in this class were won by Judson D. Cobb, twenty in number. He won every race he entered. Donald Jones finished second and Henry Daly, third.

In the limited class, fourteen years and under, Forrest Daly won the gold medal with thirteen points, while Ralph Zea finished second, with nine points. The girls' events drew out a huge entry. Miss Eliza M. Moncreux won the point trophy, a gold pin, by taking eighteen points. Miss Ruth Zea was second, with ten points, while the third prize, a bronze pin, went to Miss Vivian Odell.

The unlimited class was hotly contested between Mark De Grange and Jesse Zea, the latter winning the gold medal by a toss up. De Grange was second, and Elbert Hoover, third.

The exhibition team run by John J. Campbell was closely contested with the kids who had formed a relay, each man running 40 yards. Campbell had to exert himself in the finish to beat the last man out. Time, 10.05.

Will Have Junior Crew In People's Regatta

The Annapolis Boat Club will have a junior eight-oar in the People's Regatta, at Philadelphia, July 4, the crack Tech crew being selected to represent the club. The shell will contain the following men: Funkhauser, bow; Ullman, 2; Roberts, 3; White, 4; Hahn, 5; Bryer, 6; P. Gibson, 7; Hardy, stroke; Simpson, coxswain. Substitutes to make the trip are Crowder, Williams, and Gibson. If this crew is victorious in the junior event, it will also enter the intermediate race.

The Annapolis club has not had a crew in an open regatta since 1894. In that year a four-oared crew, consisting of Moore, Chandler, Lee, and Perkins, competed at Baltimore. The excellent work of the Tech crew and their willingness to represent the club has put new life into the organization and there was no sign of backwardness in financing the trip of the crew to Philadelphia.

Joe Jackson Barred From Naps' Line-Up

DETROIT, June 25--Joe Jackson, the Naps' slugging outfielder, has been indefinitely suspended for disputing a decision at first base when Jack Egan called him out in Saturday's game in Cleveland. Jackson used no profane language, but he did insist on Egan's explaining his decision. He insisted so strongly that he was banished from the game and is now suspended. His absence from the line-up is bound to be felt.

Tesreau Inevitable.

NEW YORK, June 25--Jess Tesreau was inevitable against Dahlen's Superbas yesterday, shutting them out, 4 to 0. He gave only five hits. The score: R. H. E. Giants.....030100000-4 7 0 Superbas.....000000000-0 5 2 Batteries--Giants, Tesreau and Meyers; Superbas, Stack, Yonkeling and Miller.

Sister Will Twirl.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 25--Baseball honors between Michigan and Pennsylvania will be decided this afternoon when the university teams play the last of a three-game series. Sister was scheduled to do the twirling for the Wolverines, while either Imlay or Sawyer will work for Pennsylvania.

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By GRANTLAND RICE.

The Piratical Problem.

(What's the matter with Pittsburgh? Sport Historian Ralph Davis recently put this query up to different members of the Pirate team and while each admitted that the stuff was there, different reasons were given for the club's poor showing. And so, with apologies to the ever lamented Heck--)

Yes, they were with the stick. Killing the ball every battle; Pitchers? They've got the league's pick--Slabmen that nothing can rattle; Fielders? The best to be found; Blocking the way every inning; Great little club all around--Buttbelloffistheyain'twinning.

There isn't a weak spot about; There isn't a flaw you can muster; The peg or the grab or the clout; They pull in a flag winning cluster; Each bloke on the club's known to fame; All ready and primed for the spinning; The best little club in the game--Buttbelloffistheyain'twinning.

Each time Manderin McGraw announces he fears the Cubs, Pirates, Dodgers or Braves above the Phillies, aforesaid Phillies jump out and increase their lead by from one to three games. Which is our pale-blue idea of the height of rebuttal.

Spoofting? Who? Us.

Sir--While in the act of spoofting or joshing Yale over her stand against Harvard this season, don't you think it might be just as well to look up the records of the two universities for the past twenty or thirty years? By doing so you will discover just where the Crimson ranks with the Blue as a winning banner. ELI--04.

Far be it from us to spoof the Bulldog. And for that matter Yale's complete athletic history needs no defense against all the spoofs there are. But when Harvard manager to win on gridiron, diamond, and water in one season she is certainly entitled to a chortle even though the chortling be furnished by a non-combatant who happens to be peering nonchalantly over the fence.

Rowing Dope.

Evidently we are not a rowing expert. For example, we are not yet able to understand just why Cornell should stick to Columbia's pace, where it is understood that Columbia can't hold any such clip, and is merely setting it to break Cornell down.

In the meanwhile Syracuse doesn't care how long Columbia sets the pace and Cornell attempts to follow. Not as long as good judgment is as much a part of the game as big muscle is.

For One Thing or Another.

The boast of batting and of fielding power; The boast of fame from many a base hit wrench Await alike the inevitable hour--The path of Heinie lead but to the bench. (Gray's Elegy in a Cub Ball Yard).

Bunn, the Baker of Baraboo, may have faded out across the Has-been border, but Frank, the Baker of Trappe, Md., is just beginning to hit again. Thereby proving that the bat is mightier than the dough.

The Red Sox figure Bender is about through. His average is ten won and three lost. He must have been quite a pitcher at the top of his game.

Johnny Gallagher to Run in Chicago Meet

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 25--Johnny Gallagher, Georgetown's crack mile runner, will compete in the mile event at the A. A. U. championships in Chicago this summer in the hopes of being the mile titleholder. He is now training here.

Gallagher denies that he will wear the colors of the New York A. C. next season, saying that he hopes to return to Georgetown to complete his studies.

Phillies Take Fourth.

BOSTON, Mass., June 25--By hammering Tyler all over the lot the Phillies grabbed the fourth straight game from the Braves, 8 to 5. A double play and a fly to Fiskert stopped a furious batting rally by the Braves in the eighth. The score: R. H. E. Cardinals.....020000000-1 11 0 Cubs.....000000000-0 11 2 Batteries--Cardinals, Griner and Wingo; Cubs, Lavender, Reulbach and Brennan.

Griner's Triple Wins.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 25--Griner's triple, followed by Huggins' single in the fifth inning yesterday gave the Cardinals a 1 to 0 victory over the Cubs. A double-header was played, but after two innings of the first game had been played a heavy shower caused a postponement. When the sun came out an hour later the second game was played. The score: R. H. E. Cardinals.....030100000-1 11 0 Cubs.....000000000-0 11 2 Batteries--Cardinals, Griner and Wingo; Cubs, Lavender, Reulbach and Brennan.

MAKING OPEN WAR ON A. A. U. METHODS

Albany Insists on Being a District by Itself to Escape Grafting Athletes.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 25--Open war has been declared on the A. A. U. here. W. T. Whittemore, former A. A. U. leader, is in charge of the rebellion and is running an unsanctioned meet here July 4. Troy, Albany, Cohoes, Watervliet, and Schenectady are supporting the revolt.

Last winter Albany tried to be made a district by itself, says Whittemore, "in order to escape the domination of the New York officers and grafting athletes. We were defeated. Now we're going to make a district for ourselves. I call anybody who ever promoted a meet to bear witness that it is impossible to have any of those New York athletes, such as Flanagan, Sheppard, Kiviat, Sheridan and others, appear without receiving large sums of money. It is a case of pay expense money for one day that would make a good week's salary for any of the promoters. Furthermore, these athletes insist that the handicapping must be done to allow them to win."

Albany athletes and promoters are working for the New York grafters and that is why we're going to throw over the A. A. U."

World's Championship Flag Goes Up Today

BOSTON, Mass., June 25--With city and State officials as onlookers the world's champion gonfalon will be hoisted today at Fenway Park by Manager Stahl and the Red Sox, assisted by Frank Chance's Yankees. After the ceremonies "Smoky" Joe Wood and Ruth Ford will grapple for the first game of the series.

Louden Is Captain.

HANOVER, N. H., June 25--Charles W. Louden, of Troy, N. Y., has been elected captain for next year of the Dartmouth baseball team. For the last two years Louden, who is a junior, has played left field.

Jack Coombe's Case.

While rapidly recovering his health and strength, it is unlikely that Jack Coombe will be able to pitch another game of ball this season. The big fellow's presence is absolutely necessary to the success of his team, but he must rest until his health is back. He has gained twenty-five pounds in two weeks, yet only tips the beam at 165 now.

Good work, Annapolis.

The Annapolis Boat Club shows most commendable spirit in entering a crew in the People's Regatta in Philadelphia, July 4. Rowing is one of the best sports in the calendar, and Washington is admirably fitted for it. Anything that booms the sport should be praised and the Annapolis club is doing something.

Dartmouth Winner.

HANOVER, N. H., June 25--Dartmouth turned the tables on Amherst and won its annual commencement day game yesterday, 3 to 2. Wampanoag tallied for Dartmouth in the last half of the eighth inning, leading second after getting to first on a fielder's choice, and scoring on Bennett's hit. Score: R. H. E. Dartmouth.....300000012-3 8 5 Amherst.....001000010-2 8 2 Batteries--Morey and Wampanoag, Proudfoot and Strahan. Umpire--Emmala.

Owls Are Beaten.

The Potomac Nationals defeated the Southern Railway Owls in Alexandria this morning, 8 to 3. Batteries--Potomac Nationals, Morris and Wampanoag, Gili; Owls, Francis and Lawlor.

Favorite Sunday game.

Twenty-seven mayors of New York cities favor Sunday baseball, as against five opposed to it. The opposition to Sunday baseball is always blind, advertising to a single argument which is never accepted by lovers of the game. It would be better for the youth of this country if they could play ball instead of being compelled to loaf around corners for their amusement on Sunday.

BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Again, Boehling.

Again Joe Boehling delivers the goods, and Manager Griffith and the fans are happy. The young southpaw certainly was classy in his work, showing wonderful control and plenty of nerve in the pinches. If he can continue to play ball as well as he is now, he's going to win a lot of games for the team, and prove himself a real big leaguer.

Jackson punished.

Joe Jackson has been punished by indefinite suspension for disrupting a decision of Jack Egan's in Cleveland Saturday. How a regular ball player can keep his temper in the face of the decisions being turned in by O'Loughlin, Egan, and Ferguson passes understanding. It would take the calm of a diplomat, and no ball players qualify as diplomats.

A. A. U. in trouble.

Because the A. A. U. refused to give Albany, N. Y., a district of its own, the athletic promoters are going to make one. They have declared war on the New York officers of the organization, charging that athletes accepted money for running in Albany and threatening an expose. Sounds strangely familiar in the Capital, for the same condition exists here.

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Zimmerman Closes in On That Soft Coin

CINCINNATI, June 25--Eugene Zimmerman, third baseman of the Cubs, claimed tentatively possession of \$5,000 of the \$100 offered him by an unknown Cub fan, when Manager Egan led his crew into town today and it became known that the latter had called a third strike on him that the Cub suspected to see him chased.

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